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As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, the specification of which is attached hereto and which has the title of:

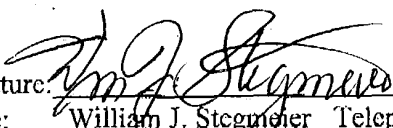
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this declaration. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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